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Application of: Hastings et al.

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Application Senal No.: 09/037,460

Art Unit. 1647

Filed: March 10, 1998

Examiner: Saoud, C.

Title: Human Vascular IBP-Like Growth Factor

Polynucleotides (as amended)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO PAPER NO. 31

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 21, 2001 (Paper No. 31), Applicants hereby request that the following remarks be entered into the above-captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08 and copies of references Al-Al; and (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 176 without prejudice or disclaimer.

<u>Remarks</u>

Claims 54-67, 75-92, 102-107, 115-119, 122-175 will be pending in the current application after entry of the present amendment. Claim 176 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejects claims 54-67, 75-92, 102-107, 115-119 and 122-175 under 35 U S.C. § 101 alleging that the claimed invention is drawn to an invention with no apparent or disclosed specific and substantial credible utility.

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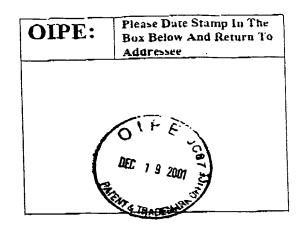
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Dear Examiner Saoud:

Per your telephone request today, attached is a copy of the Response and Amendment filed by Applicants on December 19, 2001, which you indicated was missing from the Patent and Trademark Office Files. A copy of the date-stamped Return Receipt Card is also enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me if your have any questions or require additional assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Lin J. Hymel

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